

## WRENBURY CUM FRITH PARISH COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 12 JANUARY 2017

#### **PRESENT:**

Cllr Jack McEvoy (Chairman), Cllr Irene Black, Cllr Dave Clarke, Cllr Sue Cole, Cllr David Craig and Cllr Janet Palmer

#### **IN ATTENDANCE:**

Luke Neal (Meres and Mosses Landscape Partnership Scheme and Nature Improvement Area) and two members of the public

In the absence of the Chairman, Cllr Palmer was in the Chair.

#### **16/78 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

16/78.1 Cllrs Citrine, Harding and MacGillivray

#### **16/79 COUNCILLOR MACGILLIVRAY**

16/79.1 The Clerk advised that in order for Cllr MacGillivray to remain as a councillor, as he had been absent from meetings for six months, then the Council would have to resolve to suspend the requirements of Section 85 of the Local Government Act 1972.

RESOLVED – that the Council suspends S85 Local Government Act 1972 to enable Cllr MacGillivray to remain as a Councillor, as his absence had been caused by illness.

#### **16/80 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

16/80.1 Cllr Clarke declared a pecuniary interest during consideration of the Draft Budget 2017/18 and left the meeting during consideration thereof.

#### **16/81 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 08 DECEMBER 2016**

16/81.1 RESOLVED – that the minutes of the meeting be approved and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record subject to an amendment to 16/77 as the meeting in June will be held on 8 June.

Cllr McEvoy resumed the Chair

#### **16/82 MERES AND MOSSES LANDSCAPE PARTNERSHIP SCHEME AND NATURE IMPROVEMENT AREA**

16/82.1 Luke Neal, Community Officer for the Scheme, attended the meeting and gave an update on the work of the scheme and the outlined the planning considerations relevant for Nature Improvement Areas (NIA).

16/82.2 The Meres and Mosses NIA was one of twelve designated areas in England. Although the scheme ended in June, the NIA designation was permanent. NIA designations were referred to in the National Planning Policy Framework and developers had to have regard to the impact of any development on the NIA (Section 11, paragraph 117). There would be a Parish conference on 21 March to discuss this further.

16/82.3 Although the scheme would be ending in June, there would be a sum of money available for community groups to bid for that would support nature and wildlife. Suggestions were sought and reference was made to the wildlife garden at the Primary School.

**16/83 FINANCE REPORT**

16/83.1 The Council considered the finance report which had been submitted by the Responsible Financial Officer. The Council was predicting an underspend against budget of £650, which would give an end of year balance of £4,400.

16/83.2 Payments Authorised

RESOLVED – that the following payments be authorised:

Payee	Reason	Cheque	£
Mark Robinson	Salary and expenses	500715	135.27
Dave Clarke	Parish Lengthsman	500716	296.49
Dave Leuchars	Playground repairs	500717	170.00

16/83.3 Draft Budget 2017/18

The Clerk circulated the draft budget for 2017/18 which had been amended, following discussion at the previous meeting, to allocate the £650 underspend from the 2016/17 budget for Neighbourhood Plan in the 2017/18 budget.

The Council reviewed the budget line for the Parish Lengthsman. The Council received a grant in the sum of £1,150 per annum from the Borough Council to fund a Lengthsman. The current pay was £7.50 per hour, based on 156 hours per annum. This sum had not been reviewed for many years and, following a review of other Councils' pay, it was agreed to raise this to £8.50 per hour. Therefore, the sum of £1,326 was included in the budget.

RESOLVED – that the Council agrees its budget for 2017/18 in the sum of £7,938.14.

16/83.4 Precept 2017/18

The Council's tax base was 449.49. With a precept of £6,000, this would equate to £13.35 for a Band D property.

RESOLVED – that the Council's precept for 2017/18 be £6,000.

**16/84 PLAY AREA INSPECTION**

16/84.1 Cllr Craig submitted a play area inspection report which identified a number of missing bolts on equipment. It was noted that the fencing had been repaired.

**16/85 CLERK'S REPORT**

16/85.1 Village Green sign

The Clerk gave details of two quotes for the sign of £500 and £2,430, respectively. Councillors agreed that this was more than expected owing to the high specification, therefore Cllr Palmer agreed to obtain a temporary sign at a lower cost.

**16/86 PLANNING MATTERS**

16/86.1 Applications for consideration and comment

Ref	Proposal	Response
16/6028N	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 46 dwellings with public open space, landscaping and sustainable drainage system (SuDS) and vehicular access point from New Road. All matters reserved except for means of access	Objection

17/0149N	Proposed Conversion of Farm Outbuilding To Form Residential Accommodation Ancillary to Hawk Dwelling House, Gilly's Farm, Nantwich Road, Wrenbury	Objection
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16/86.2 Appeal for consideration

Ref	Proposal	Response
APP/R0660/W/16/3162703	15/5166N Proposed development of 10 residential dwellings at Smithy Lodge, Nantwich Road, Wrenbury	Objection

16/86.3 16/2433N – Land south of Nantwich Road, Wrenbury

It was expected that this application would be considered by the Borough Council on 25 January 2017. The planning officers were recommending refusal on highways grounds.

**16/87 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

16/87.1 Cllr Craig gave an update on progress of the Neighbourhood Plan. It was confirmed that the Borough Council would be ceasing the grant scheme for neighbourhood plans, although national grants were still available. Cllr Craig would be liaising with Cheshire Community Action to review the work undertaken to date. Cllrs Craig and McEvoy would be meeting with Tom Evans shortly to discuss the next stages.

**16/88 COUNCILLORS' ITEMS**

16/88.1 The following items were raised –

- Uneven pavement along Pinsley View;
- Light No. 12 was out;
- Missing grid opposite Pinsley View; and
- Pothole outside shop.

16/88.2 Councillors received an update on the provision of superfast broadband in Wrenbury Frith. It was noted that the cabling could not cross the lift bridge, and an alternative method would require additional payment from residents.

**16/89 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

16/89.1 Thursday, 9 February, 2017, commencing at 8.00pm.